

SENATE No. 2150

[LOCAL APPROVAL RECEIVED.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anthony W. Petruccelli

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing a ballot question in the town of Winthrop relative to the granting of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages in certain restaurants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anthony W. Petruccelli	First Suffolk and Middlesex
Robert A. DeLeo	19th Suffolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act authorizing a ballot question in the town of Winthrop relative to the granting of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages in certain restaurants.

Whereas, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make to provide for the authorization of a ballot question in the town of Winthrop relative to the granting of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages in certain restaurants, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding sections 11A and 17 of chapter 138 of the General
2 Laws or chapter 887 of the acts of 1977 or any other special or general law to the contrary, the
3 Town Council of the town of Winthrop shall cause to be placed on the official ballot for the
4 election of offices at the biannual town election to be held in the year 2009 the following
5 question:-

6 "Shall the licensing authority of the Town of Winthrop be authorized to grant licenses for
7 the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in restaurants and function rooms
8 having a seating capacity of not less than 25 persons?"

9 (b) If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, the town
10 shall issue licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of
11 restaurants and function rooms having a seating capacity of not less than 25 persons. The
12 licenses shall be subject to all the other provisions of said chapter 138, except those that provide
13 for a limitation as to the number of licenses permitted or the wording of the question posed to the
14 voters.

15 SECTION 2. The Town Council of the town of Winthrop shall include a summary of the
16 aforesaid question to be printed on the ballot along with the question as stated in section 1.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.